



WASHINGTON'S social calendar is exceedingly full for the coming week, and will be started with two diplomatic entertainments in compliment to M. Brentano, of France—the first a luncheon by the Italian ambassador, and the second a dinner at the French embassy.

Tomorrow night, B. H. Warner will give a dinner in honor of the Speaker of the House, Mr. Cannon. Tuesday evening, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will dine with the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw, and Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. Elkins, Mrs. Wetmore, and others will give dinner parties.

Wednesday evening, General and Mrs. Chaffee, two of the most delightful hosts of the Capital, will give a dinner for the French ambassador and Mme. Jussierand. Thursday evening, the President will open the White House for a big diplomatic dinner, and it is probable that Miss Roosevelt will go to New York in time to attend the ball given by Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Friday night. The week will close with a number of dinner parties Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid were constantly entertained while here as the guests of Mrs. William Sheffield Cowles, and it is doubtful if there was ever such brilliant wire-pulling for the seat of an ambassador as was done all during the week for Mr. Reid. Not that he needed it at all, but with the President's sister as hostess, the President as a bosom friend, the British ambassador as a host, and all Washington society willing to entertain him, why should he not walk right into the court of St. James if he liked, and then invite Miss Roosevelt over for a visit?

Two large social functions at the White House, interspersed with a lively round of visiting, dinners, teas, luncheons, the first Bachelors', which took place at the New Willard Wednesday, life has been quite strenuous enough socially to suit even the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, who so delightfully set the pace.

Mrs. Brown, wife of Associate Justice Brown of the Supreme Court, holds about the largest Monday receptions of any of the women of that august body, and an incident of interest which struck the callers there last week was that, in receiving, Mrs. Brown stood just before the life-size portrait of Justice Brown's first wife, who was her cousin. When some inquiry was made about the portrait, which is a beautiful one, the present wife of the Justice referred to it in the warmest tones of affection, telling how she for years made frequent visits to the family.

And now if one wants to be popular with the best entertainers of Washington and all their various sets, one must respond promptly to all invitations, and if, perchance, one finds out later that it is impossible to be present, a regret must be dispatched by the first messenger, for hostesses are out of all conceit with folks who delay in either accepting or declining invitations, holding off, as it sometimes seems, just to see what comes in the way of invitations, and accept the choicest or biggest.

Arriving late at the home of the hostess when invited to dinners and luncheons, is another matter that deeply concerns the Washington hostess just now, for the custom is growing at an alarming extent. Higher officials—of course, no reference is meant to the fact that Secretary and Mrs. Taft and Secretary and Mrs. Morton all arrived at the White House too late Thursday evening to enter the triumphal procession with the President to the Blue Room—have made a habit for years past of appearing at the house of a hostess, sometimes only a few moments late, often a half hour late, and sometimes forgetting altogether to go.

One woman here, who is on the very pinnacle of official prominence, and one of the very sweetest women in the world, forgot to go to a luncheon given in her honor, and did not discover her mistake until her would-be hostess as carefully forgot to speak to her the next time she met her. It's all fixed up now, and they are good friends, but it was a terrible experience for the hostess while it lasted.

A large number of prominent Daughters of the American Revolution were here last week, discussing—presumably, Continental Hall—really, the candidate for the next president-general for the D. A. R. Mrs. Dolliver, Mrs. Burrows, and Mrs. Alger, all the wives of Senators, are spoken of favorably, but Mrs. McLean, of New York, is strong in the running, and her friends hope for her election as a triumph, after numerous hard-fought battles, and there are those, not so warmly attached to her, who consider it almost the only way to down Mrs. McLean's ambitions, for she has made a bitter fight for the place, and defeat will not daunt her; nothing but two years of service will satisfy her.

Then, Mrs. Althea Biddle, of Jersey City, N. J., is favorably mentioned. She is a charming, gracious, and generous woman, and might develop much strength if put up for the office. It is said that Mrs. Senator Burrows has Mrs. Fairbanks' support, but that may be wrong. But in the long run, Mrs. McLean does seem like the ablest woman for the place.

It is said that Mrs. Roosevelt is surrounded by the best-dressed circle of Cabinet women that has graced the White House in years, but Mrs. Metcalf, the wife of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, is the only one who actually makes her own gowns. She can not only sew her own dresses, but, better yet, she can design, cut, and fit them, and when her beautiful, dainty, home-made frocks are compared with the imported gowns of Mrs. Robert Wynne, wife of the Postmaster General, who has a nice little fortune of her own, or those of Mrs. Morton, who can indulge her good taste to any extent, there can scarcely, if at all, be discovered a difference. To be sure, now that Mr. Metcalf is in the Cabinet, Mrs. Metcalf will not make all of her gowns, for she will not have the time, but like Mrs. Roosevelt, she realizes the great superiority of the needle as a source of recreation, and glories in her accomplishment.

Miss Isabel May, who was a guest of Colonel and Mrs. Morrell, in Philadelphia, for the assembly ball, has returned to Washington, and was one of the most admired girls at the diplomatic reception at the White House Thursday night. She affected the low coiffure, now adopted by Countess Cassini, as does Miss Roosevelt. Where the roll turned under, Countess Cassini wore an ornament of tortoise shell that looked for all the world like a collar, while Miss Roosevelt wore a wreath of pink roses. It, however, remained for Miss Durand, the daughter of the British ambassador, to turn out something genuinely quaint, and she wore strands of tiny pink roses, formed into a couple of eights, crossing in the middle, the center resting just on the crown of her head, and the four circles arranged flatly to the hair.

Speaking of earrings, Mrs. Robert McCormick, wife of the ambassador to Russia, set the pace for them here by appearing at the White House wearing a big, square pair of rubies, surrounded by diamonds, and a necklace of the same stones. Thursday night, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. H. McK. Twombly, and nearly all of the most handsomely dressed women at the diplomatic reception, wore earrings—some long, some short, but earrings.

Social Gossip

Mrs. Hah Dunlap Jordan, who with her sister, has been stopping at the New Willard for some days, left the city for Macon, Ga., yesterday afternoon. It is thought the date for her marriage to Mr. Cerea, the Nicaraguan minister, will be announced by her family immediately upon her arrival in Macon.

Mrs. Jordan came here with her sister as the guest of Senator Cerea to attend the diplomatic reception at the White House Thursday evening. She is a beautiful woman and was much admired, having on as her only jewels, the turquoise necklace bracelet and brooch, each blue stone surrounded by diamonds, which Mr. Cerea sent her for a Christmas present. She wore an imported gown of blue silk and lace at the White House.

There were a number of interesting people at the matinee yesterday afternoon to witness the performance of John Drew, Countess Cassini, occupying one box with a party of friends, and General and Mrs. Draper another, with a party.

By far the most refreshing part of the audience at the John Drew performance, however, were the six children of the Postmaster General and Mrs. Wynne, a sturdy, handsome lot, who filled almost to overflowing an entire box.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Orth, of Harpburg, who spent several weeks here as the guests of H. T. Thomas, have returned to their home.

Miss Mary Read McCoy, of Pittsburgh, who is now visiting Mrs. Dalzell, will remain here until about January 24, at which time she will accompany Mrs. Dalzell to Pittsburgh to attend the marriage of Mrs. Dalzell's niece, Miss Florence Kitzmiller.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Powell Davis entertained the reclamation service of



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Daughter of Frederick R. Rittman, Auditor of War Department. She is Considered the Best Fancy Dancer Among the Society Girls of Washington.

The United States Geological Survey Friday night from 8 to 11 o'clock.

Prof. A. H. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, both of whom have been ill, are now convalescent. Prof. Thompson had charge of the exhibit for the United States Geological Survey at the St. Louis Exposition.

The following women living on Staughton Street, and Mrs. A. C. Peale, of 145 Florida Avenue, will be at home to their friends tomorrow: Mrs. Erwin Smith, Mrs. Arthur L. Day, Mrs. J. S. Diller, Mrs. George P. Whittlesey, Mrs. R. B. Taylor, Mrs. C. B. Bailey, and Mrs. George P. Merrill.

Mrs. Levi Nagle and Miss Schmidt will be at home to their friends informally Friday, January 20, from 3 to 6 o'clock at their apartment in the Gladstone.

They will have with them their friend, Mrs. Elizabeth Fritchey, of Lancaster, Pa.

Mrs. May Banks Stacey, wife of the late Col. M. H. Stacey and mother of Capt. Cromwell Stacey, U. S. A., is spending the winter in this city and will be at home informally each Wednesday at 815 Eleventh Street northwest, where she will be pleased to see her friends. Mrs. Stacey is well known in social and club life, being a D. A. R., a member of the Army and Navy League, the New York Woman's Press Club, and several others.

Mrs. Warren, of New York, niece of Dr. Mary Parsons, who was a visitor here during the first part of the week, has returned to New York.

Mrs. Bramwell Davis has returned to her home at Elmhurst, L. I., after a visit to her parents, Captain and Mrs. McNaught, of Capitol Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Newell entertained at a reception Thursday night, which brought together in their delightful home a number of interesting and prominent people.

Mrs. George A. Bright and Miss Bright will be at home the last two Wednesdays of this month, January 18 and 25.

Mrs. Davis will receive Saturdays in January.

Mrs. Wiley Reynolds will be at home at the Hotel Dewey January 20 and 27, from 4 to 6 p. m.

Mrs. James Lansburgh and Miss Besie Lansburgh, 251 Fourteenth Street, will be at home for the last time this season tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Mitchell Carroll, 1625 K Street northwest, will receive informally Tuesdays in February.

Mrs. James F. Hood will be at home to her friends informally on Thursdays in February.

Mrs. John S. Carpenter, Miss Clark and Mrs. Watson Freeman Clark will be at home Mondays in February.

Mrs. J. L. McCreery and Miss McCreery, of 22 Eleventh Street northeast, will not receive tomorrow, but will be at home informally Mondays, January 23 and 29, from 2 to 6.

Mrs. J. Sylvester Phillips has cards out for a tea Friday, January 20, at 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Horace A. Taylor, 297 Massachusetts Avenue, will not be at home until Saturdays in February.

Mrs. J. W. Boyd will be at home Mondays in February, at the Leamington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Well, of 508 M Street, will be at home Sunday, January 29, in honor of the engagement of their daughter, Diana, to Nathan Fondheimer.

There will be a social euchre on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Mercantile Club, 92 I Street, the proceeds of which will go toward swelling the Temple Fair fund of the Washington Hebrew Congregation.

Mrs. Nathan B. Prentice will not be at home tomorrow afternoon.

Miss Alice Schmetz, who is visiting in Pittsburgh, was honor guest at a luncheon at the Pittsburgh Golf Club, when Miss Katherine M. and Eleanor M. McCook, of Clover Crest, were hostesses.

Senator and Mrs. Fairbanks will go to Canton, Ohio, Monday, January 30, to make a two days' visit to Mrs. McKim.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, celebrated the New Year of his country by entertaining the staff and a few friends from New York at dinner there last evening. Friday evening he

was the guest of honor at a dinner with Miss Patten as hostess, and later took supper with Commander and Mrs. Boutakoff.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay entertained at dinner last night the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw, the Postmaster General and Mrs. Wynne, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Metcalf, Senator and Mrs. Cullom, Senator and Mrs. Spooner, Senator and Mrs. Foraker, Senator and Mrs. Elkins, Senator and Mrs. Alger, Lieutenant General and Mrs. Chaffee, General and Mrs. Gillespie, Representative and Mrs. Henry Kirk Porter, Mrs. Eugene Schuyler, Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Loomis, ex-Secretary of War and Mrs. Root, and Prof. Langley. Pink roses in crystal vases decorated the table.

Vice President-elect and Mrs. Fairbanks had among their distinguished guests at dinner last night, the Italian ambassador and Baroness Mayor des Planches, the Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft, Justice and Mrs. McKenna, Senator and Mrs. Hopkins, Senator Dix, Gen. and Mrs. William F. Draper, Representative and Mrs. Boutell, Colonel and Mrs. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Cropper, Mr. Audenreid, Representative Lovering, Miss Lovering, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fuller, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ackert.

Speaker and Miss Cannon had to dine with them last night the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Morton, Secretary Wilson, Senator Allison, Senator and Mrs. Depew, Senator Wetmore, Senator and Mrs. Aldrich, General Crozier, Miss Williams, Mrs. Hobson, Miss Hegeman, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Senator Warren, Mrs. Shonts, of Chicago, and Mr. Blythe, of Iowa.

The British ambassador and Lady Durand were the guests at dinner last night of Mr. and Mrs. Gaff. Dining with them, also, were the minister from Spain, Senor de Ojeda; Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Archibald Murray, of New York, the sister of Mr. Oliver; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cummings, the Hon. Jarvis Perkins, Senator Hale, Admiral and Mrs. Rae, Mrs. John Rodgers, Dr. and Mrs. Freeman Smith, the Rev. Holland Cotton Smith and Mrs. Smith, Mr. Aldrich, of New York; Mrs. Nicholas Fish, Mrs. Cromwell, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell, Richard Parsons, and Miss Squier.

Miss Roosevelt and her two friends, the Misses Cutting, were entertained at a dinner party given last night at the home of the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Hitchcock, with the Misses Hitchcock as hostesses.

Representative Kirk Porter has out invitations for a stag dinner January 24.

Representative Bourke Cockran entertained at a dinner party at his Sixteenth Street residence last night.

Judge Magoon will be the host at a dinner party tonight at the Alibi Club, having asked his guests to meet Secretary Taft.

Mrs. Edson Bradley will entertain a dinner company at Stoneleigh Court tonight to meet her guest, Miss Hull, of Tuxedo Park, N. Y.

Mr. Gutowski, of the Russian embassy staff, has invited guests to meet the Netherlands minister and Mme. Van Swinderen at dinner tonight.

Senator and Mrs. Fairbanks will entertain a dinner party tomorrow night.

Weddings.

The published announcement that the date of the marriage of Miss Julia Kellogg, daughter of the late Sanford Kellogg, to Andrew Bradley, has been set as February 22 is incorrect. The date for the wedding has not yet been arranged.

One of the most interesting weddings of the week is that of Miss Marian Bangs, daughter of Mrs. Ida Bangs, and Walter E. Hilton, which will take place at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Dearing, on Massachusetts Avenue, Wednesday.

Mrs. John Elfreth Watkins will be matron of honor, and Miss Fannie May Bouslog, her sister, maid of honor. Mr. Hilton will have as best man B. Francis Saul, and the Rev. John Gill, of the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Church, will officiate.

Ex-Senator Marion C. Butler of North Carolina, and Mrs. C. Sidney Whitman of Tuxedo Park, were married in New York yesterday, the ceremony taking place in St. George's Church.

Two highly interesting weddings will take place Wednesday, January 25, that of Miss Alice Ward and Senor Bana, of

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Dinners

Mrs. Roosevelt entertained a small company of guests at the White House last evening.

M. Funck-Brentano delivered an interesting lecture in French on "The Life of the Country Gentleman in Old France."

This is one of a series of lectures which M. Funck-Brentano is to deliver this year under the auspices of the Federation of the French Alliance in the United States.

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the Spanish legation, and Miss Nannie Taylor, Langhorn, and Capt. Powell Clayton, U. S. A., the son of the American ambassador to Mexico.

Miss Nora Michener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Michener, and Barry Mohun, will be married at the home of the bride, Monday, January 30, at 4 o'clock.

The marriage is announced of Miss Margaret Sue Dudley, and William Orville Caldwell, the ceremony having been performed by the Rev. Forrest J. Pettyman, pastor of the Mount Vernon Place Church, at 7 o'clock, Wednesday, January 11.

The marriage took place at the home of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Buckingham, 1525 Twenty-ninth Street, Georgetown, at 7 o'clock, Wednesday, January 11.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pinckney Henderson Adams, of Fair Haven, Vt., formerly of New York city, announce the engagement of their sister, Miss Julia H. Adams, of this city, to Arthur H. Geissler, of Carmen, Okla. Miss Adams is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward White Adams, of Louisiana, and granddaughter of Gen. Pinckney Henderson, the first governor of Texas, and who died in this city as a United States Senator from that State.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip E. Chapin announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Morrell, to Capt. T. H. M. Clarke, of the royal army medical corps.

One of the prettiest weddings of this season took place at noon yesterday at Christ Episcopal Church, Rockville, when Miss Marguerite Richardson Prescott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Prescott, of Norbeck, Montgomery county, became the wife of Henry Beards, of Rockville. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas J. Packard, rector of the church. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mrs. Martha Beards, mother of the groom.

An exceedingly pretty romance lies behind the announcement made by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Blundon, Riverdale, Md., of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Carrie Lee Blundon, and Everett Claude Warren.

The marriage took place in Portsmouth, Va., last August, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Father Brady, of that place. Mrs. Warren announced her own marriage to her parents Friday, and left Washington last evening for Old Point Comfort, where she will join her husband today. The bridegroom belongs to a well-known family of Virginia.

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